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***Amendments***

***In the Claims:***

Please cancel claim 71 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

Please substitute the following claim 39 for the pending claim 39:

39. (Twice Amended) A cartridge for a liquid, which can be connected to a dispensing device, the dispensing device including an upper portion for receiving the cartridge and a lower portion which can be pushed over the cartridge when connected to the dispensing device, the upper portion of the dispensing device being provided with a connection portion for the cartridge and with a dispensing connection portion for drawing off the liquid, the cartridge comprising:

a stiff outer casing including a top portion and a bottom portion, the top portion of the outer casing being coupled to the upper portion of the dispensing device;

a container which is stable with respect to shape and which is disposed in the casing; and

a collapsible bag disposed in the container and containing the liquid, wherein the bottom portion of the stiff outer casing is provided with an opening, and

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wherein the container includes an opening and a stopper, the stopper including an insertion connection portion which forms a sealingly closing, centered guide means for the dispensing connection portion, and

wherein the stopper is non-releasably connected by the outer casing to the container, and

wherein the cartridge is connected to the connection portion on the upper portion of the dispensing device.

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Please substitute the following claim 73 for the pending claim 73:

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*44* ~~73~~. (Twice Amended) A cartridge according to claim ~~39~~ for an alcoholic or aqueous liquid, wherein the container and the stopper comprise polypropylene, further comprising a collapsible bag of polyethylene disposed in the container, wherein:

the stiff outer casing comprises a metal, preferably aluminum, or a plastic material, preferably polypropylene;

the opening in the bottom of the stiff outer casing is a bore;

an end of the insertion connection portion is closed by a diaphragm inclined with respect to an axis of the insertion connection portion and the sealingly closing, centered guide means is a press fit and is connected by a snap connection to the container;

the cartridge is releasably connected to the connection portion by means of a releasable plug connection, the releasable plug connection being a snap connection in which there are provided in the connection portion of the upper portion of the

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dispensing device snap hooks which engage into a peripherally extending groove in an upper region of the cartridge;

the bottom of the outer casing includes an inset with a micro-opening which communicates with the bore in the outer casing; and

an inside of the bottom of the lower portion of the dispensing device is provided with a resilient piercing device for a sealing foil on an underside of the bottom of the casing.

[ Please substitute the following claim 74 for the pending claim 74:

14 74. (Twice Amended) A cartridge according to claim 29 for an alcoholic or aqueous liquid, wherein the container and the stopper comprise polypropylene, further comprising a collapsible bag of polyethylene disposed in the container, wherein:

the stiff outer casing comprises a metal, preferably aluminum;

an end of the stopper is closed by a diaphragm which is inclined to an axis of the insertion connection portion;

the sealingly, closing guide means is in the form of a press fit;

the stopper is non-releasably connected by the outer casing to the container;

the connection between the cartridge and the connection portion of the dispensing device is a releasable connection in the form of a snap connection in which there are hooks provided in the connection portion of the upper portion of the dispensing device snap hooks which engage into a peripherally extending groove in an upper region of the cartridge;

an inside of the bottom of the lower portion of the dispensing device is  
provided with a resilient piercing device for a sealing foil on an underside of the bottom  
of the casing.

Please add the following new claim:

87. (New) A cartridge according to claim 39, wherein the cartridge is releasably  
connected to the connection portion.